

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN RATHDOWNEY PARISH**

**SATURDAY 5th April**

**Rathdowney 6pm:** Thomas Creagh, Johnstown Road Months Mind  
Sean Creagh, Mooreville  
Thomas & Marcella Byrne, Ballybuggy  
& deceased members of the Webster Family.  
Kathleen Rene Lediard, Golf Links Road

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at the end of this Mass**

**SUNDAY 6th April**

**Errill 10 am:** Kathleen & Christy Merlehan, Mullingar  
& their son Peter

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at the end of this Mass**

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**  
**No Mass**

**Monday**

**Tuesday & Wednesday: Mass at 10 am**

**Thursday 10 am:** Thomas & Julia Maguire, Ballagh & deceased  
members of the Maguire Family.

**Friday: Mass at 10 am**

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 12th April**

**Rathdowney 6pm: First Holy Communion Preparation Mass**  
Eddie & Maisie O'Brien, Quigley Park &  
deceased members of the O'Brien & Maloney families.  
Ellen & Joseph Campion, Ballybuggy & deceased members  
of the Campion family.  
Paddy Ryan, O'Daly Terrace  
Kieran O'Sullivan, The Showgrounds.

**SUNDAY 13th April**

**Errill 10 am:** Betty & Tim Keane, Monamondra  
Karl Quigley-Hayes, The Showgrounds  
Charlie Grogan, Knockardgannon

**Recent Death:** Aoife Shelly, Clonakenny.

**Anniversaries:** Mary & Jer Kilmartin, Coolowley  
Nora Ryan, Ossory Terrace

**Collections Weekend 29th / 30th March 2025**

Loose Plate - € 249 Envelopes - € 875

**Adoration**

Rathdowney on Thursday after Mass until 12 noon

Errill on Friday from 10am until 12 Noon.

Rosary will continue each evening - Monday to Friday at 5.30pm on the Webcam

**Family Carers**

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse,  
partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer!  
Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting  
Ireland's 500,000+ family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear  
how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

**Parish Shops**

Both parish shops have a new range of gifts in stock for  
First Communion, Baptism and other events.  
Candles, Rosary Bracelets, Crosses & Chains,  
Rosary Beads, Bibles, Grave Ornaments

Come in and have a look!

We also carry a large range of signed Mass Cards and Mass Bouquet's  
for a variety of intentions.

**Newsletter for the Parishes of**

**Durrow and Rathdowney**

**5th / 6th April 2025**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Weekend of Reconciliation in our Parishes**

**Pastoral Council Members**

**Rathdowney**

Assumpta Casey; Helen Campion;  
Tony Holohan; Fran Doyle; Maureen  
Guilfoyle; Oliver Kennedy Mary Nolan,  
Mary O'Dea, Tadhg Keane;  
Sr Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

**Durrow**

Martin Lawlor; Mary Lawlor; James  
Walsh; Vicky Murphy;  
Margaret Murphy; Seamus Clancy;  
Liam Kavanagh; Pádraig Kiely;  
Anne-Marie Kiely  
Sr. Anita O'Leary; Fr. Martin Delaney

**SAFEGUARDING**

Designated Liaison Person -  
Ailish Higgins - 085 802 1633  
[safeguarding@ossory.ie](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)  
Gardaí 1800 555 222 / TUSLA –  
Laois/Offaly 044 935 3997  
Towards Healing Helpline: 1800 313 416  
[www.towardshealing.ie](http://www.towardshealing.ie)

Towards Peace Helpline: 01-505 3028  
[www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie)

**Parish Representatives**

**Rathdowney**

John Casey & Helen Campion

**Durrow**

Michael Killeen & Sarah Brophy

**Easter Ceremonies 2025**

**Holy Thursday - 17th April**

**7.30 pm Errill**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**7.30pm Cullohill**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**7.30pm Durrow**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**Good Friday - 18th April**

**12 Noon Durrow**

**Stations of the Cross (In Cemetery)**

**3pm Rathdowney**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**3pm Cullohill**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**3pm Durrow**

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

**7 pm Errill**

**Passion Walk (from School to Church)**

**Holy Saturday - 19th April**

**7pm Durrow**

**Easter Vigil**

**9pm Rathdowney**

**Easter Vigil**

**Easter Sunday - 20th April**

**6.30am Cullohill Mountain - Dawn Mass**

**10.00 am Errill - Mass for Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

**11.15 am Durrow - Mass for Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection**

**Please Note**

If you are including a cheque in any  
of your envelopes, please make the  
cheque payable to Rathdowney  
Parish or Durrow Parish as  
appropriate.

These Cheques should not be made  
payable to Fr Martin or to the name  
of the Church itself.

Please DO NOT scratch out your  
envelope number. It is not incorrect,  
we have renumbered the envelopes.

**If you wish to have the name of your  
deceased family member included in  
our weekly newsletter, please contact  
the parish office in person / by email  
[durrow@ossory.ie](mailto:durrow@ossory.ie) /  
[rathdowney@ossory.ie](mailto:rathdowney@ossory.ie) or phone  
(Durrow) 085 26 25 033 /  
(Rathdowney) 0505 46282 by midday  
on Thursday.**

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN DURROW PARISH**

**SATURDAY 5th April**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** Ann Marie Delaney, Ballynevin, Months Mind  
Michael McEvoy, Rapla

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at the end of this Mass**

**Durrow 7.30 pm:**

**SUNDAY 6th April**

**Durrow 11.15 am:** Richard Snr & Sarah Dempsey, The Square  
Michael & Ellen Dempsey, The Square & all deceased  
members of the Dempsey family.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at the end of this Mass**

**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

**Monday to Friday: Mass in Durrow at 8.50am**

**MASSES NEXT WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY 12th April**

**Cullohill 7.30 pm:** Betty Ryan, Ballybooden

**Durrow 7.30 pm:**

**SUNDAY 13th April**

**Durrow 11.15 am:** First Holy Communion Preparation Mass

**Collections Weekend 29th / 30th March 2025**

Loose Plate - €223 Envelopes - € 922

**Adoration**

Adoration in Cullohill Church every Thursday morning from 8.50—9.50am,  
in Durrow directly after 8.50 am Mass (finishes at 11.30 am) on Mondays  
and on Fridays from 7-8pm.

We welcome into Durrow Parish Community

Billy Mark Finnegan

who is being baptised this weekend



**Do you have a family member or friend in a nursing home?**

Sr. Anita and I like to visit parishioners who are living in Nursing Homes or other  
Care settings. Unfortunately, we don't have accurate knowledge about all of our  
parishioners from Durrow and Cullohill who are in Nursing Homes. I'm asking if  
you have a relative or know of someone from the parish in any Nursing Home or  
long-term care centre to please let us know. You can contact me, or Sr. Anita  
directly or alternatively leave the details in the Parish Office.

*Fr. Martin*

**Laois SPCA Cat Neuter Scheme**

Fee of €40 for both male and female cats including microchipping  
(you must microchip) Use offer code: Keepmehealthy

Contact Vets directly for appointment

Participating Vets in Rathdowney, Castlecomer, Ballyragget & Portlaoise  
Ring your local vet to see if they are participating.